

Message Text

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 01 COTONO 00428 190754Z

17

ACTION AF-05

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 /006 W

----- 007292

P 181643Z MAR 74

FM AMEMBASSY COTONOU

TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 5988

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE COTONOU 0428

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: BFOL, DM, US

SUBJ: CEMENT PROJECT

FOR AF/W - WYGANT

REF: STATE 052529

1. MANY THANKS FOR HELPFUL REFTEL WHICH I DISCUSSED MARCH 18 WITH PLAN DIRECTOR ROBERT TAGNON WHO WAS UNAWARE OF BUT MUCH INTERESTED IN PLANNED MARCH 22 MEETING WITH AMBASSADOR ADJIBADE. TAGNON MADE FOLLOWING POINTS WHICH YOU MIGHT PASS ON TO PAWLAWSKI OF MCKEE AND TO ADJIBADE:

(A) CEMENT PROJECT IS NUMBER ONE PRIORITY IN MRGD'S DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM, AND AMERICANS MAY BE SO INFORMED IN NAME OF PRESIDENT KEREKOU.

(B) UNDERSTAND MCKEE'S BELIEF ENGINEERING STUDY MAY BE NEEDED IN VIEW MARKETING NATURE OF UN STUDY, AND WOULD WELCOME SUGGESTED COTONOU VISIT TO DISCUSS TERMS OF POSSIBLE PROTOCOL AUTHORIZING MCKEE TO STUDY AND SUBMIT PROJECT FOR CONSTRUCTION OF CEMENT COMPLEX.

(C) AT MARCH 22 MEETING, RECOMMEND MCKEE GIVE ADJIBADE DETAILS ON SCOPE AND COST OF ENGINEERING STUDY, AND ABOVE ALL TIME NECESSARY TO COMPLETE THIS STUDY. IN STRESSING LAST POINT, TAGNON SAID THIS WOULD BE KEY TO ANY AGREEMENT AS PRESIDENT IS ADAMANT THAT PROJECT NOT BE DELAYED BY PROLONGED, MAR- GINAL STUDIES.

(D) REGARDING FINACING COST OF ENGINEERING STUDY, SEE NO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 02 COTONO 00428 190754Z

PARTICULAR STICKING POINT AS IT WOULD BE NORMAL THAT COST BE

INCLUDED IN OVERALL FINANCING OF PROJECT OR BORNE BY MRGD IF

PROJECT NOT IMPLEMENTED. UNDERSTAND ANY EXIM GUARANTEE OF STUDY
WOULD BE FOR MRGD ACCOUNT.

2. TAGNON ASKED THAT ADJIBADE REPORT RESULT OF HIS MARCH 22 MEET-
ING BY "COURIER PRIORITAIRE" WITH COPY SENT DIRECTLY TO HIM.

3. WHILE THERE IS NO MRGD PLAN TO PUT PROJECT ON INTERNATIONAL
TENDER, GOVERNMENT HAS JUST APPROVED LONG AWAITED DOCUMENT ON
SPECIFICATIONS ENTITLED "CLAUSES ET CONDITIONS GENERALES DE
L'APPEL D'OFFRES" AND HAS INSTRUCTED ITS MISSIONS ABROAD TO STI-
MULATE FOREIGN INTEREST IN PROJECT (COPY OF DOCUMENT BEING POUCHED
TO AF/W ON MARCH 20, 1974). WE HAVE RECEIVED UNCONFIRMED REPORTS
OF FRENCH, GERMAN AND ITALIAN INTEREST IN PROJECT. THEREFORE
IF MCKEE, FULLER AND LOEB RHOADES SERIOUSLY INTERESTED, RE-
COMMEND THEY MOVE PROMPTLY. WE STAND READY TO HELP THEM AT THIS
END.
ANDERSON

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: n/a
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 18 MAR 1974
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: MorefiRH
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1974COTONO00428
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Film Number: n/a
From: COTONOU
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1974/newtext/t19740336/aaaabhqp.tel
Line Count: 80
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE
Office: ACTION AF
Original Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: STATE 052529
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: MorefiRH
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 27 AUG 2002
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <27 AUG 2002 by boyleja>; APPROVED <05-Sep-2002 by MorefiRH>
Review Markings:

Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
30 JUN 2005

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: CEMENT PROJECT FOR AF/W - WYGANT
TAGS: BFOL, DM, US
To: STATE
Type: TE
Markings: Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 30 JUN 2005